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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *July 29, Associated Press* — Scientists look at Yucca Mountain routes. The 16-member National Academies National Research Council panel was in Nevada last week to consider how the government can safely ship radioactive waste across the country to the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. All 16 toured road and rail routes skirting the Las Vegas metropolitan area that could be used to ship casks containing spent nuclear fuel. "There are understandable questions here about routes and modes of

transportation," said panel Chairman Neal Lane, a physics professor at Rice University in Houston. "Our job is to understand and articulate what the risks are of transporting nuclear waste," he said. Lane said **the panel was looking at risks from normal operations, accidents or sabotage — particularly through hub transportation cities.** "For the rail option," he said, "much of the material would come through Chicago, St. Louis or Ohio." Truck routes would run from South Carolina through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri on the southeastern interstate system, and a Northeast route would run from New York and Pennsylvania through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

Source: <http://www.casperstartribune.net/articles/2003/07/29/news/wyoming/116aeb18838731b58eb618d917c7df70.txt>

2. *July 26, The Charlotte Observer (NC)* — **Stage set for MOX battle.** Duke Energy filed an application in February to test mixed-oxide (MOX) fuel, a blend containing surplus weapons plutonium, in its Catawba (South Carolina) or McGuire (North Carolina) plants beginning in 2005. Duke's would become the first U.S. power plants to use the fuel. **Notice of Duke Energy's plan to test mixed-oxide fuel in its nuclear plants was published Friday, July 25, in the Federal Register, which gives opponents until August 25 to file petitions with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to ask for a hearing to argue their case.** Duke plans to use four test assemblies — bundles of fuel rods — at either Catawba or McGuire for 4 1/2 years. The assemblies would be analyzed at intervals, and at the end of the test period. Duke expects to begin full-scale use of MOX in 2008.

Source: <http://www.charlotte.com/mld/observer/news/local/6388574.htm>

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Chemical Sector

3. *July 27, Saint Paul Pioneer Press (MN)* — **Blaze ignites atop roof of Minnesota ethanol plant. A fire broke out Friday, July 25, in insulation under the roof of the Gopher State Ethanol plant in St. Paul, MN, and was quickly extinguished.** Gopher State Ethanol released a statement saying that no equipment was damaged and that the fire was contained completely within the ceiling and roofline. The incident did not involve operator error, the company said, and was asking the police and fire departments for a thorough investigation. **This was the fourth fire in two years at the plant.** Other fires were reported at the ethanol plant in September 2001 (in an odor-reduction device), and in March and June 2002 (both in the plant's grain dryer). **An ammonia leak also occurred in August 2001. The company statement noted that "there have been threats to the plant to create media coverage, intruders have been chased from the facility after obtaining illegal entry, and within the last two weeks the police have been called regarding another intruder, as well as vandalism at the facility within the last week."**

Source: http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_krt.htm?SMDOCID=knightridder_2003_07_27_krtbn_0000-0176-SP-ETHANOL&SMContentSet=0

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *July 29, Associated Press* — **Handcuff terror: New York bank manager strapped to fake bomb. A man walked into HSBC Bank on Fifth Avenue in New York City, NY, on Monday, July 28, and handcuffed a bank manager to a briefcase and told him it was filled with explosives.** Officers uncuffed the suitcase from the manager's wrist and the police bomb squad opened the case to find only a cut-up broomstick painted red. The suspect fled the bank, but was apprehended by police.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/sections/us/GoodMorningAmerica/bank030729.html>

5. *July 29, The Star (Malaysia)* — **Malaysia, Indonesia to sign MoU on money laundering. Malaysia will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Indonesia on Wednesday, July 30, on the sharing of financial intelligence as part of a global effort to effectively combat transnational crime.** Second Finance Minister Datuk Dr. Jamaludin Jarjis said discussions were also under way for similar MoUs with South Korea, Thailand, Britain, and the U.S. Jamaludin said the government would cooperate with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to improve the ability to detect and target bulk cash movements that facilitate money laundering. At the beginning of July 2003, Malaysia established the South East Asia Centre for Counter-Terrorism, which was fully funded by the government, he said.

Source: <http://biz.thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2003/7/29/business/5941897&sec=business>

6. *July 28, Associated Press* — **Feds prepare kit to help local cops fight ID theft. To help local police officers better understand and investigate identity theft crimes, an electronic materials package is being mailed out Tuesday, July 29, to more than 40,000 police departments and other law enforcement authorities,** the Secret Service said Monday, July 28. "If you're a victim of identity crime, you're not going to call a Secret Service agent, you're going to call your local police department," said Richard Starmann, one of the Secret Service's main point people on the project. **The materials include a 10-minute video that can be shown to officers in which law enforcers share their experiences in combating identity crimes and what works for them, and an electronic guide that provides officers with more than 40 investigative resources that officers can use in their investigations as well as information to help victims.** The package is a project of the Secret Service, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the International Association of Chiefs of Police and costs \$250,000 to produce and distribute. The project was paid for with money forfeited in criminal cases involving the Treasury Department.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=12803358>

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Transportation Sector

7. *July 29, New York Times* — **Airlines covet access to Baghdad once safety worries are allayed.** While airlines are severely cutting service to cities in this time of industry crisis, many are jockeying to begin flights to one of the world's more unlikely destinations: Baghdad. **More than 20 airlines, including British Airways, Lufthansa Airlines and Air France, have applied to fly into and out of Baghdad International Airport. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has already listed the city in its reservations system, with flights set for four times a week beginning September 1, provided it receives the necessary approval.** Resistance fighters are still trying to shoot down planes approaching Baghdad International Airport with portable surface-to-air missiles. Land mines are being planted nightly on a main road leading to the airport, a senior insurance executive said. And daily guerrilla attacks are occurring on American and British convoys. **The airlines say they do not want to start flights until their safety concerns have been allayed.** But they also know that the Office of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the American administrative body based in Baghdad, will initially choose only a few airlines — possibly just one — to fly in the thousands of government officials, engineers, aid workers and others waiting to get their hands on a piece of Iraq.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/29/business/worldbusiness/29BAGH.html?ex=1060056000&en=04cd3c840d399f38&ei=5062&partner=G_OOGLE

8. *July 29, Buffalo News* — **Protection for trucking industry.** New York Sen. Charles E. Schumer unveiled a new plan Monday to combat the threat of new types of terrorism in the nation's trucking industry. **Schumer's announcement comes after an Ohio truck driver's admission last month of involvement with a terrorist plot to destroy U.S. bridges and the stopping of a California truck a week later because of suspected terrorist activity. The trucking threat is of particular concern in the Buffalo area, Schumer said, as more trucks pass through Western New York than any other area in the state.** A total of 4.9 million trucks use area Thruway exits, and Schumer said 340,000 of the trucks carry toxic materials that could be used to create terrorist weaponry. "As important as trucks are to our economy, they also, since 9/11, could pose a threat," the New York Democrat said at a news conference at Jim's Truck Plaza in Cheektowaga.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20030729/1025784.asp>

9. *July 29, CNN* — **Officials: Suicide airliner hijackings possible. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is warning that Islamic extremists might be plotting suicide airliner hijackings to be carried out before the end of the summer, with possible targets including sites in Britain, Italy, Australia or the eastern United States.** "As of mid-June, Islamic extremists may have been planning suicide hijackings to be executed by the end of Summer 2003," according to the document obtained Tuesday by CNN. **The one-page warning, sent to U.S. airlines and others Saturday, contains words of warning and skepticism, saying some of the intelligence the government has received raises "questions about the viability of the plot." Homeland Security sources said the credibility of the information is still being evaluated. One government official termed it "dubious."** Intelligence leading to the advisory was developed during the past several weeks and is based, at least in part, on information obtained by interrogating high-level al Qaeda detainees, according to a senior intelligence official. According to the advisory, possible targets could include national symbols, economic targets and venues that would produce many casualties. senior intelligence official. DHS statement: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/07/29/airline.warning/index.html>

10. *July 27, Associated Press* — **Ships may have to be equipped with anti-collision device.**

Certain ships may have to be equipped with anti-collision technology that the federal government believes may be useful in thwarting terrorism. **Under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, ships should be identifiable from a distance. The rule will eventually require the device to be installed on all ships of a certain size. The equipment, called an automated identification system, will cost about \$9,000. The device has a transponder similar to those on airplanes. It emits a signal that not only allows for exact positioning but also specific identification.** The Coast Guard said the target ships include fishing vessels traveling to and from Seattle and Prince William Sound. Vessel owners and operators have until Thursday to comment on the proposed rule.

Source: <http://www.news-miner.com/Stories/0,1413,113~26794~1537022,0,0.html#>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

11. *July 29, Inc.com* — **Repackaging the Postal Service.** A presidential commission is examining broad-based reforms to the 736,000 person U.S. Postal Service (USPS). **Proponents of reform hope it will stabilize the troubled USPS, which lost \$676 million in 2002 and has amassed \$11 billion in debt to the U.S. Treasury.** Postal officials say that their monopoly over your mailbox and first-class mail doesn't make up for the fact that the service is required to deliver to every business and residential address six days a week. They also complain that they can't react to market conditions. When mail volume fell by 4.6 billion pieces last year because of anthrax and competition from online bill paying, the USPS couldn't respond because it is required to go through an 18-month review process every time it wishes to change rates. **But though the USPS's proposed offerings are designed to appeal to entrepreneurs, small-business lobbyists have so far remained cool to reform, fearing that an unfettered USPS would raise rates rather than lower them.**

Source: <http://www.inc.com/magazine/20030801/postoffice.html>

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Agriculture Sector

12. *July 29, Reuters* — **Japan puts tariff on beef, pork imports.** Japan said on Tuesday it would slap emergency tariffs on beef and pork imports for eight months from August 1, a move likely to curb domestic consumption and spark a trade spat with major suppliers. **Defying strong opposition from the United States and Australia, the Farm Ministry said it would raise the tariff on refrigerated beef to 50 percent from the current 38.5 percent after a jump in imports in the April to June quarter.** The widely expected duty increase, the first since 1996, will last until the end of the current fiscal year to next March 31. It will not affect imports of frozen beef. **Japan will also impose an emergency tariff on pork for the same period by raising the government-mandated gate price of carcass imports to 510.03 yen per kg from the current 409.9 yen, and that of cut meat imports to 681.08 yen per kg**

from **546.53 yen**. Japan's trade rules, endorsed by the World Trade Organisation, allow it to throw up "safeguard" barriers if cumulative quarterly imports surge.

Source: http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2003-07-29T010314Z_01_TAU095648_RTRIDST_0_TRADE-JAPAN-BEEF.html

13. *July 29, Associated Press* — **Mosquito-spread virus killing horses. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture reported that 32 horses statewide have been infected with Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis virus.** Although five horses have died in the only confirmed cases in Robeson, NC as many as 25 more county horses could have died from the disease, according to a county veterinarian. **The disease kills 90 percent of all horses it infects. Although rare in humans, it kills about a third of those infected and can cause brain damage in those who survive. The 32 official cases of the disease reported by state agriculture officials don't reflect the true number of infected horses, said Southeastern Veterinary Hospital physician Curt Locklear.** Locklear said he had seen six days of the virus in the past week, compared to a half dozen all of last year. "I've never seen it this bad," Locklear said, adding that he saw three cases Monday, with two of those animals dying within 24 hours of showing symptoms. He said those cases are still termed unofficial, because blood samples have to be shipped to the Department of Agriculture for lab work. **Some horse owners choose not to have the blood work done and Locklear said he knows of 20 to 25 horses that have died from the virus in the county.**

Source: <http://www.wilmingtonstar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20030729/APN/307290794&cachetime=5>

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Food Sector

14. *July 29, Crop Decisions* — **FDA considers new animal feed rules. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says it may require U.S. animal feed manufacturers to adopt new food safety checkpoints as an extra measure to prevent mad cow disease.** The FDA said it was considering an animal feed safety system similar to the U.S. Agriculture Department's (USDA) food safety program imposed on the meat industry. The USDA's Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point system, was adopted in the late 1990s and requires meat companies to install government-approved food safety checkpoints throughout their plants. **The FDA said that kind of system would also help prevent potentially unsafe drug residues in meat products.** "While emphasis for fostering safety has been placed on end-product sampling, only a limited number of samples are tested for potential contaminants," the agency said.

Source: http://www.cropdecisions.com/show_story.php?id=20576

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

15. *July 29, Reuters* — **Last China SARS cases declared free of virus. Beijing's last 12 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) patients have recovered from the disease, marking an apparent end to the scourge in China, where the virus emerged eight months ago before spreading across the world, official media said on Tuesday.** The 12 patients were still in hospital getting treatment for other illnesses but no longer showed symptoms of SARS and were not infectious, Beijing's deputy health chief Liang Wannian as said. As of Monday, the Ministry of Health said on its Web site China had 12 remaining SARS patients in hospital, all in Beijing. Health Ministry officials and representatives of the World Health Organization in Beijing could not be reached for comment on the revised classification of the patients. **But some medical experts say SARS may only be dormant and could return in the winter. Others say it is possible there are milder, mutated versions of the disease that are virtually impossible to detect and may be circulating among the wider population.**

Source: <http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=3176024>

16. *July 29, Scientist* — **Search for lab polio stocks.** The World Health Organization (WHO) announced Tuesday that the poliovirus can be eradicated from the human population within 3 years. But humans are not the only reservoirs of poliovirus. Although no animals carry it, WHO earlier estimated some 10,000 laboratories worldwide carry stocks of the virus. **"When polio is eradicated every effort must be made to ensure that wild poliovirus is not transmitted from the laboratory to an increasingly susceptible community," said the WHO. Data from February 2003 show that 167 countries have appointed a coordinator to oversee the survey of labs with the poliovirus. Of those, 148 countries have started the survey, 80 have submitted an inventory, and nine have actually destroyed stocks.** According to WHO's laboratory action plan, laboratories retaining wild poliovirus, infectious materials, or potential infectious materials will eventually be requested to establish enhanced biosafety level-2 measures for safe handling. But some critics feel further research is needed into the oral vaccine, the main vaccination used, notably, into how to avoid the one in 2.5 million cases in which the attenuated Sabin vaccine virus reverts in the patient's gut to wildtype. **The injectable, killed Salk vaccine may be safer but is much harder to deliver to poor communities.**

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/news/20030729/01/>

17. *July 29, Associated Press* — **WHO faces shortfall in polio fight. The World Health Organization (WHO) will be forced to slash polio programs unless it receives \$210 million, said Director-General Jong-wook Lee.** The polio virus is now circulating in only seven countries, down from over 125 when the WHO-led Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988. The world had 1,919 cases of polio reported last year, down from the estimated 350,000 cases when the campaign began. **WHO has set a 2005 target date to eradicate polio and said it needs the money for a final offensive against the disease.** Lee has picked Dr. David Heymann, the expert who led the WHO response to SARS, to step up the fight against polio. **Despite the huge reduction in cases and their limited geographical spread, the world should not underestimate the continuing global threat posed by polio, Heymann said.** "Just as with SARS, polio knows no boundaries," said Heymann. **"In January a child was paralyzed by polio in Lebanon for the first time in 10 years. That virus traveled from India. In the past 12 months, polio viruses have also spread from Nigeria to**

neighboring countries which had been polio-free, said WHO.

Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/Living/ap20030729_855.html

18. *July 29, Newsday* — **Snags for bioterror drug plan.** Project BioShield sought to allow the government to buy and stockpile bioterrorism countermeasures made by biotechnology and drug companies under government contracts. A key and unusual feature was that government spending would be unlimited. The Department of Health and Human Services would sign long-term contracts that would guarantee payment, easing companies' fears that Congress might reduce funding before work is complete. **But with many in Congress opposing a new program, the House recently capped spending at \$5.6 billion over 10 years. Officials say BioShield, even with a funding cap, would be a breakthrough in getting the private sector to work in the biodefense field it has shunned for lack of a profitable market.** But BioShield may be hindered because drug companies are accustomed to profit margins the government probably wouldn't match, and the biodefense industry is wary of the government. Industry executives have testified before Congress in support of the program, and they also called for mandatory funding and strong liability protections. **The \$5.6 billion may produce only a handful of countermeasures. It costs \$897 million on average to develop a new drug, according to the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development.**

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/ny-usbio293392443jul29.0.7483850.story?coll=ny-nationalnews-headlines>

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Government Sector

19. *July 29, Contra Costa Times* — **Budget woes force Pittsburg to cancel events. Unsure of future funding, Pittsburg has postponed some of its community events until the city can pass a budget.** Paul Flores, director of leisure services, said the events, which cost about \$5,000 each, had to be scratched because the city has yet to adopt a budget. It is the first time in five years that Pittsburg has failed to pass a budget before the start of the new fiscal year, which began July 1. Depending on how much money is allocated from the budget, Flores said the events may be rescheduled for sometime in the fall. **It's been difficult for many cities to determine future funding because of the state budget crisis and its possible effect on counties and cities. Cities have had to react blindly, building financial plans without knowing how much money they'll receive from the state.**

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/cctimes/news/6410895.htm>

20. *July 23, Department of Homeland Security* — **DHS takes first step to select Homeland Security Centers of Excellence. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will release this week a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) calling for academic white papers that will focus on specific areas related to social science issues.** This is the first step in the review process for colleges and universities that would like to be selected as a Homeland Security Center of Excellence (HS-Center). The Department anticipates selecting at least one HS-Center by end of November 2003 and up to nine other HS-Centers by end of 2004. "We are confident that the academic community will play an integral role in our mission to ensure our domestic security," said Secretary Tom Ridge. "We recognize the strengths brought to bear by our higher-education institutions to not only research and develop technologies but to also

educate the next generation of American scientists." **The university-based Homeland Security Centers of Excellence initiative was developed in response to language contained in the Homeland Security Act requesting the establishment of a coordinated, university-based system to enhance the Nation's homeland security.**

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=1086>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *July 29, Herald Community News (NY)* — **New telephone emergency-alert system being used by Atlantic Beach residents.** Residents of Atlantic Beach (NY) now have a new way to find out important information about what is going on in their community. **A telephone emergency-alert system was just introduced, which can send a voice-mail message to every resident with a listed number in three hours. Atlantic Beach is the third Nassau County community, along with Bayville and Manorhaven, to have the system, and the first on the South Shore.** We used to think about how we could alert everybody on a block in an emergency, and now we don't need to, said Atlantic Beach Mayor Stephen Mahler at the July 14 Village Board of Trustees meeting. The system cost \$2,600 to set up with an estimated four lines, but it is undetermined how much the calls will end up costing. Their cost will determine how many are made. I'll have to see what the costs are before we decide how many messages we'll send, said Mahler. **The main purpose of the system is to let residents know about emergencies, but it will also be used for announcements and reminders. A phone will ring and a pre-recorded message of any announcement, like that of an upcoming village board meeting, will play. Or in the case of an emergency, an evacuation announcement will be made.** The main purpose is for hurricane evacuations, said Mahler.

Source: http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1601&dept_id=479855&newsid=9917228&PAG=461&rft=9



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Information and Telecommunications Sector

22. *July 29, InformationWeek* — **New Jersey teams with the Army on intrusion detection. The Army will help New Jersey analyze the state's network as a step in developing an intrusion-detection system.** The agreement with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command Research, Development, and Engineering Center based at Fort Monmouth, NJ, is the first such collaboration between the center and a state. Charles Dawson, New Jersey's chief technology officer, says **a comprehensive intrusion-detection program is a key component in the state's homeland security plans to protect its IT infrastructure from cyberterrorism.** The technical components of the program include host-based intrusion-detection systems, network-based intrusion-detection systems, and security information-management systems. The state also will receive guidance in developing policies and procedures to effectively manage the program.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=12803400>

23. *July 29, IDG News Service* — **Countries need to pass wide-ranging laws, cooperate openly. Countries that want to be able to tackle cybercrime need to pass wide-ranging laws and be prepared to openly cooperate with other countries,** delegates of the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) group said Monday, July 28. The statement came at the end of a conference organized by the APEC e-Security Task Group in Bangkok, Thailand, last week which sought ways to develop comprehensive legal frameworks to combat cybercrime and to build law enforcement units capable of investigating cybercrime. **Delegates agreed that all APEC economies need to develop legal frameworks which include: laws that criminalize conduct such as unauthorized access to computer systems and causing damage to computer systems; laws allowing law enforcement authorities to collect electronic evidence; and laws and policies that allow economies to cooperate with each other in investigating and prosecuting cybercrime.** APEC brings together 21 economies that border the Asia-Pacific region, including the United States.
Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/03/07/29/HNcombatercrime_1.ht ml
24. *July 28, CNET News* — **Cisco releases fix for Aironet flaw. Cisco Systems has released patches for a pair of security flaws that were discovered in its Aironet 1100 series wireless access points.** One flaw would have allowed an attacker to use a "classical brute force" technique to discover account names, according to security troubleshooter Vigilante. Vigilante said the second flaw could freeze the access point and bring down the wireless access zone. Cisco posted advisories on the flaws Monday, July 28. **"To date, Cisco is not aware of any active exploitations of the vulnerability," a Cisco representative said in a statement.** The Cisco Aironet 1100 Wi-Fi access point creates a 300-foot radius zone where laptops can wirelessly connect to the Web or a corporate computer network. Additional information is available on the Vigilante Website:
http://www.vigilante.com/inetsecurity/advisories/VIGILANTE-2_003002.htm
Source: <http://news.com.com/2100-1039-5056416.html?part=dht&tag=ntop>
25. *July 28, CNET News* — **World nearing Web address crunch. Global momentum is growing for a new address system, known as Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) which promises to vastly expand the pool of unique numbers available for connecting PCs and other devices to the Net. Established five years ago, IPv6 creates enough IP addresses for every person on Earth to have 1,000 Web-enabled devices by quadrupling the size of the IP address. The standard is seen as a necessary successor to the current IPv4 system, which some fear could run short of addresses in Asia and Europe within the next few years.** The U.S. may not see a shortfall because it was granted an enormous number of addresses in the original worldwide allotment. **Shifting to the new standard means making changes to every Internet-connected device, router and switch on the network.** And since fear of an address shortage is the single biggest argument in favor of a switch, the U.S. could stay on the sidelines as the rest of the world wrestles with the upgrade over the coming years, networking experts said.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.com/news/945119.asp>

Current Alert Levels	
 <p>AlertCon: 2 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net</p>	 <p>Security Focus ThreatCon: 2 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</p>
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_KLEZ.H Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 113 (ident), 0 (---), 19479 (---), 25 (smtp) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

26. *July 29, The Modesto Bee* — **Montana crews set fires to stop big blaze. Firefighters set trees on fire Tuesday in efforts to prevent a major blaze from reaching the largely evacuated West Glacier and a nearby village in Glacier National Park. The work was aimed at creating a backfire that would remove 2,000 acres of fuel from the path of the approaching forest fire.** "Tonight, right now what you see as green, will be gone," said Clinton Northway, the burnout supervisor. Even though small backfires the night before had turned the fire, officials were concerned that the blaze could make another run because humidity was extremely low and wind was expected to pick up. **The blaze had grown to an estimated 12,100 acres by Tuesday morning.** While firefighters on the ground started the backfire, big water bombers skimmed across scenic Lake McDonald in the park, filling their tanks with water to dump on trees near evacuated homes and business to make sure the deliberate flames didn't turn on the town. Crews also planned to use helicopters to drop small incendiaries, so-called "pingpong balls of flame." **Sirens screamed Monday evening, warning residents, tourists and remaining National Park Service personnel at park headquarters to evacuate, mostly because the fire was threatening to block U.S. Highway 2, a main escape route.**

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/24hour/nation/story/955259p-6687068c.html>

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